

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY CELEBRATES THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF B.P.O.E. JAMESBURG ELKS LODGE 2180

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to recognize the Jamesburg Elks Lodge 2180's 40th anniversary. This organization continues to make lasting contributions to the local community through its hard work and dedication to those in need.

The Jamesburg Elks began serving the community upon the approval of their local charter on July 13, 1960. The first Exalted Ruler of the Elks, Stanley Wzorek worked diligently to set the standard by which the Elks continue to serve the community today. In 1975, the Elks were joined in their efforts with the formation of the Jamesburg Elks Ladies Auxiliary.

The Elks contributions to the community take many forms. Through their donation of space they help groups such as the Girl & Boy Scouts of America. They allow organizations for disabled veterans to host weekly events in their lodge such as lunch, bingo and health check clinics. Recently, the Elks donated cellphones to local school crossing guards in case of an emergency.

One of the greatest efforts of the Jamesburg Elks is to host an annual Charity Ball to benefit local children with disabilities. In the summer months, the Jamesburg Elks, in conjunction with state assistance, send local children with disabilities to Camp Moore for a weeklong outdoor experience.

Jamesburg Elks Lodge 2180 is a great asset to Central New Jersey. I urge all my colleagues to join me today in recognizing its dedication to community service and Central New Jersey.

IN HONOR OF JOSE L. LINARES'S APPOINTMENT TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jose L. Linares for his appointment to the Superior Court of New Jersey. Mr. Linares will be sworn in on December 13, 2000 in Newark, New Jersey.

Jose L. Linares was born on November 30, 1953 in Havana, Cuba, and at the age of 13, immigrated to the United States. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Jersey City State in 1975 and his J.D. from Temple University Law School in 1978.

Mr. Linares began his exceptional career in law as the Examining Attorney at the New York Department of Investigation, where he supervised white collar crime and corruption. A short time later, he took a position as trial attorney with Horowitz, Bross, Sinnins & Imperial, P.A. In 1982 Mr. Linares founded his own firm, now called Partner, Linares, Coviello & Santana, which specializes in product liability.

Mr. Linares has achieved numerous awards, honors, and memberships, including the Exxes County Bar Association Civil Trial Attorney Achievement Award; Essex County Ethics Committee; NJ Supreme Court Board on Trial Attorney Certification; past President of the NJ Hispanic Bar Association; Essex County Bar Vice Chair; New Jersey Association of Trial Lawyers; National Association of Trial Lawyers; and the NJ State Bar Association Products Liability Committee.

Mr. Linares has earned this appointment through his lifelong pursuit of justice and his dedication to America and its laws. As a judge, he will serve with continued distinction and honor.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jose L. Linares not only for his appointment to the Superior Court of New Jersey, but also for the wonderful example he has set for the Hispanic community.

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN TALLEY

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2000

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to pay tribute to an individual who first came to my Congressional office and who has served the past three years as Chief of Staff for the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Kevin Talley is a very talented individual who has served other Members of Pennsylvania's delegation and me in a variety of capacities.

Kevin's first position in Congress was with Hugh Scott, the Senate Minority Leader, whom Kevin served as Press Secretary. He came to my office in 1977 in a similar capacity and stayed for four years, becoming my Chief of Staff and overseeing all operations in my Washington and district offices.

The management skills he acquired in those roles were expanded further when he joined Senator John Heinz as Chief of Staff, in addition to handling administrative and public responsibilities with Senator Heinz, Kevin developed legislative initiatives on targeted jobs tax credits, Social Security Reform, campaign finance reform, and unemployment compensation provisions.

In 1985, Senator Heinz demonstrated his confidence in Kevin by naming him as his deputy at the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

In 1987, Kevin decided to try life in the private sector, focusing on public affairs. He stayed in touch, and I kept my eye on him, even though he was no longer working in Congress.

I became Chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee in 1995. When I had an opening for the Committee's Chief of Staff in 1997, I asked Kevin to come back to Congress to help me accomplish what remained to be done before I finished my Congressional career.

During Kevin's tenure as Chief of Staff, the Committee passed more than 45 significant education and workforce bills. It was the Committee's most productive period in the last 20 years. We made significant improvements in Head Start, child nutrition, job training, and worker protection programs. We succeeded in shifting the focus from process to results, and from quantity to quality.

Kevin Talley was a key participant in those successes, and for that, I will always be grateful. More importantly, Kevin is a friend, and I am glad that my upcoming retirement will not change that.

THE COMMODITY FUTURES
MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2000

HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2000

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 which provides us with an historic opportunity to modernize the U.S. futures and over-the-counter market laws.

The time is now to ensure that the United States continued to be the world's financial leader. We have two of the three largest futures exchanges in the world, however, our antiquated laws and regulations prevent them from being as efficient and effective as possible to compete in global markets. The legal uncertainty surrounding the U.S. over-the-counter markets must be removed to prevent domestic business from migrating overseas and causing our share of these \$90 trillion markets to shrink.

The Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 contains the major provisions of the House passed H.R. 4541. These provisions are in titles I and II of the legislation and provide regulatory relief for the domestic futures exchanges, legal certainty for over-the-counter products, and allow for the trading of single stock futures.

This latest version of the legislation adds two new titles not included in the original House passed bill. Title III, Legal Certainty for Swap Agreements, provides guidelines for the SEC's role in regulating swaps.

Title IV, the "Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act of 2000", excludes identified banking

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